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Klompendansen (Clogdancing) and Tulips in Holland! Typical Dutch? Yes. But this picture was not taken in the Netherlands. If not, then where? Where else would a few hundred Clogdancers get together and take part in street dancing. Turn to pages 22 -23, if you are curious for the answer.

Social Functions Calendar & Clubhouse Details

Although all restrictions are lifted, Covid is still around. If you are even a little unwell, please stay home in order to protect your fellow Neerlandia Members.

Following are the events and activities organised by Neerlandia and its Sub-Clubs for October, November and early December.

October 2022

Saturday 15	<u>Sing-along with the Dutch Singers</u> At Windmills Morley, see page 15	
Mon 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	<u>Hollandia Billiard Club</u>	9.30am
Wed 12, 26	<u>Wednesday Bingo</u>	11am
Thurs 6, 20	<u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u>	10am
Thurs 6, 13, 20, 27	<u>Thursday Night Card Club</u>	7pm
Friday 28	<u>Maas & Waal Borrel</u> At the Windmills, Morley	6.30 pm

November 2022

Saturday 5	<u>Car Rally</u> From the RDC Car Park See page 7 for details	11.30 am
Sunday 6	<u>The Sunday Drive returns</u> <i>Doors open 10.00am for Coffee.</i> More details on page 18	10.30 am
Mon 7, 14, 21, 28	<u>Hollandia Billiard Club</u>	9.30am
Wed 9, 23	<u>Wednesday Bingo</u>	11am
Thurs 3, 17	<u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u>	10am
Thurs 3, 10, 17, 24	<u>Thursday Night Card Club</u>	7pm
Friday 25	<u>Maas & Waal Borrel</u> At the RDC, Myaree	6.30 pm
Sunday 27	<u>Christmas Lunch</u> At the RDC. Doors open 11.30am Lunch starts 12.30 More details on page 14	

December 2022

Sunday 4th	<u>Sunday Drive</u> <i>Doors open 10.00am for Coffee.</i> More details on page 18	10.30 am
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Club details:

Neerlandia is using the Rhein-Donau Clubhouse for most of their activities.

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President's Report.

It is an honour to have been elected as your next President. Those of you who know me, you already know of my dedication to making sure you receive top class entertainment. As Event Coordinator, this was my one and only goal. Nothing would

give me greater satisfaction than to see Members enjoying themselves, laughing, clapping, and walking away with a big smile on their face.

As President, together with a revitalised Committee, I will continue to search for and deliver a variety of events that provide lots of fun, laughter, and enjoyment. In addition, historical events will feature more and more in our celebrations so that we all can appreciate where originate from.

On a personal level, I was born in the Netherlands and came to Australia at the age of 12½, together with my parents and 4 younger brothers. I studied part time and qualified as an Accountant at the age of 27, but never got to practice that profession as it was deemed that I was too old.

Rather, I had been employed in the Finance Industry already for 7 years and was encouraged to pursue my career in this field.

This I did and when Financial Planning was still a fledgling profession, I had found my true calling and was able to apply my learnings as an Accountant in a more personal way. My focus was always my client, and their future financial security was the focus. I succeeded in my task and was recognised by my employer quite early and was invited to speak at a National Conference in Auckland.

Many years later, I was again recognised in my ethical standards by being the only winner Australia Wide, to attend the Opening Ceremony to the Sydney Olympic Games. This was and remains a very special time in my working career.

My wife was a daughter of another Neerlandia couple, which many of you know. Life can be cruel and take away the things in life you hold most dear. So too was the loss of my wife nearly three years ago. My family consists of 2 daughters and 2 sons with 4 grandchildren, all of whom are very special, which is no different to your children (and grandchildren).

It is all because of the loss of my dear wife, that I now have both the time and energy to devote my life to enhancing your enjoyment as Members of Neerlandia.

With your support, I commit to continuing to make life at Neerlandia truly memorable for both young and old. You can help by encouraging your children and grandchildren to become members and make them feel proud of their Dutch heritage. There are so many things that the Dutch have achieved of which they and all of us can be truly proud.

Jan Zwartkruis, President.

Editorial.

The months of August & September have been two months with more upheavals than I have experienced in the whole history of the Dutch Society Neerlandia. We have lost 7 dedicated long-term Members, including 2 Life Members. Not less than 4 were ex-leaders of the Sub-Clubs and together those 4 people have given close to 200 years of their lives to Neerlandia or its sub-Clubs.

Personally, I have known or worked with all of them and it makes me realize how quickly things can change at an older age.

May they all rest in peace!

One other important issue has happened.

John Zwartkruis is now Neerlandia's President, as Eric van Waaijenburg has become Secretary. See pages 8-9 for details.

**Pieter Leeftang
Editor.**

In Memoriam & Assistance offered

In memory of Anne Rietveld-Rijnders, who passed away on 11th September 2022.

Anne came to Australia with her family at the age of 12 and they arrived in Fremantle on the M/V Fairsea on 2 October 1952.

As with most of us, they went by bus to the Immigration Camp in Northam to await further resettlement, employment and accommodation.

I did not meet Anne until 1997, when those within the Dutch Community recognised the need for a stronger representative body to act in a umbrella role and provide a consolidated voice to the existing 16 known Sub-groups and Clubs, operating in WA at the time. Similar to a successful model already working in Victoria. The Sub-groups and Clubs would retain their independence and manage their own affairs.

ANSWA or Associated Netherlands Societies in WA Inc., was formed with full support and representation of all the groups and Clubs, hence providing one common voice to The State and the Federal Governments and to the Embassy and Consulate in the Eastern States. Anne held a number of positions on the Committee such as Delegate, Treasurer, Secretary and Chairperson from 1997 to 2006.

Her leadership role and initiative, provided success with the following.

August 1997, Mem. Service to commemorate Dutch victims of 1942 Broome attack.

January 1998: Scheldenloodsen Koor performances at the Quarry Amphitheatre. In 1998: Assisted with the acknowledgement and promotion of the Duyfken Project.

1998: Coordinated the Golden Age of Dutch Art exhibition with the Rijksmuseum.

August 2006: Organised the commemoration of the Dutch Navy victory in the Pacific.

March 2012: *Planning and coordination of 70th anniversary of the strafing of Broome.*

October 2012: The reunion of Migrants that

arrived in the West, specifically those in 1952.

ANSWA since inception played a key role in the reintroduction of the May Memorial Day, held annually at the Dutch Enclave at the Perth War Cemetery since 1997.

Unfortunately due to the lack of volunteers and funds, it was unable to continue to support the event, but Anne maintained her involvement with several others till closure in 2017.

Many will remember the presence of the Military group, the performance of the Dutch Singers, The laying of Wreaths and of course the Rose Ceremony on the individual grave stones of those that died in the 1942 Broome attack. For many years it was a major event and attendances where in excess of 100 people, regardless of the weather.

As her health continued to get worse, Anne withdrew from most of her commitments, but continued as a spectator whenever possible.

We will miss her input, her joy and her laughter.

HK.

Do you require Assistance?

If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, you may become bewildered by the many things you now need to do.

Know, that amongst the Neerlandia Members, there are people, who have the expertise to assist you.

Please contact one of the Neerlandia Committee Members and they we will put you into contact with the people who can assist.

The Neerlandia Committee.

In Memoriam & Thank you note

In Memoriam

Passed away on the 7th of September

Marinus (Murray) Koedyk

A long-term Member of Neerlandia,
ex-Neerlandia Committee Member
And Past President of the
Neerlandia Card Club

Sincere condolences to his family from the
Neerlandia Committee and its Members.

Passed away on the 9th of September

Glenys Vandenberg

A long-term Member of Neerlandia
Ex-Neerlandia Committee Member
Member of the Dutch Singers

Sincere condolences to Hans & family from the
Neerlandia Committee and its Members.

Passed away on the 11th of September

Anne Rietveld

A very long-term Member of Neerlandia
Member of the Dutch Singers
Was also involved with ANSWA and CURA.
Sincere condolences to Pieter and families
from the Neerlandia Committee
and its Members.

Passed away on the 21st of September

Harry Crijns

Life Member of Neerlandia.
Ex Neerlandia President, Secretary
and editor of our magazine.
One of the founders of the Sandgroper
Carnaval's Club.
Sincere condolences to Henny and her family
from the Neerlandia Committee
and all its Members.

Passed away on the 23rd of September

Riet Heyman

A long-term Member of Neerlandia and
the Neerlandia Card Club
Sincere condolences to her family from the
Klavejas Club Committee and its Members.



In Memory of Murray Koedyk.

On Wednesday the 7th of September Murray Koedyk suddenly passed away in his apartment. He was 92 years old and looked and appeared to be in very good health.

The news came as a great shock to his family and all of us who knew him and played cards with him.

Murray, and his late wife Lien, had been Members of the Neerlandia Card Club for quite a few decades.

Murray also served on the Neerlandia Committee, some time as Treasurer.

With his background of accountancy, his presence at the Neerlandia AGM and his probing questions on punctuality was a yearly highlight.

His motto was that everything had to be black or white, grey or creative accountancy had no place in his life.

But the biggest role in Club life was set aside for the Neerlandia Card Club.

For a couple of decades Murray ran the Thursday Night Card Club, both as President and Treasurer, until he gave it away a few years ago, to go travelling.

Sincere condolences to all his family from the Committee and all the Members of the Card Club. We dearly miss his cheerful personality.

Piet Leeftang, President of the Card Club.

THANK YOU.

Janny Udinga and her family wish to extend their sincere thanks to our Neerlandia friends for attending Alex's funeral.

Also for phone calls and the many cards received.

Life will be empty without Alex, but good memories will be our comfort.

Janny Udinga.

Report on André Rieu Concert in the Theatre

André Rieu – Happy Days are here again!

This was the title of André Rieu's latest concert filmed in Maastricht in July 2022. Over Saturday 27th August and Sunday 28th August, 39 Neerlandia Members were thoroughly entertained, yet again by the Maestro from Maastricht and his Johann Strauss Orchestra. For three hours we enjoyed the wonderful music, laughed at the theatrical antics on display by Members of the orchestra or the reactions or funny expressions, the camera crew picked



out of the audience.

There were several enduring moments to remember from this presentation. The first was the entrance under torch light of the 150 member strong combined male choir. This Choir had practised for only one week together, but sang as one. The singers came from the world famous Mastreechter Staar, the Opera singers from Amsterdam, The opera Singers from Aachen &



Cologne in Germany and the Opera Singers from Liege in Belgium. Never before had we seen a choir this big. It was appropriately named Het Groot Europees Mannenkoor (Big European Men's Choir).

The second memorable moment was when a Soprano came out in a magnificent Red Dress singing "I will Survive". Her name was

Dorona Alberti and did she have a VOICE!!! It was stupendous!! How she was able to hold

Report on André Rieu Concert in the Theatre



that note, so high as it was, and as long as she did, many of us were already gasping for fresh air. This was later timed on a recording on YouTube as lasting for 24 seconds.

One of the Orchestra Singers hails from Ukraine. She asked to sing a song from her homeland. Her name was Anna Reke and the song was indeed a beautiful song about her country, currently under attack from Russia. She got a standing ovation!

The Platin Tenors and three Sopranos graced the stage in their impeccable suits and beautiful dresses, singing arias, as they

always do. The strength in their voices really puts you back in your seat in absolute wondrous enjoyment.



Then came the Jachthoorn and Trompetterkorps Edelweiss marching into the Vrijthof. Their colourful costumes, highly polished instruments, synchronised marching was another spectacle to behold. They later joined everyone else on stage and participated in the rest of the concert.

André, in his usual fashion was teasing the audience telling them to go home and to go to sleep etc. The audience didn't want to leave and the musicians obtained encore after encore. So many encores were played, that it added at least another 30 minutes to the entire show. As is so well known of the Dutch, their spontaneous joining in with Song & Dance was evident as more and more popular pieces of music was played. No space was too small for people to dance or alternatively link arms and sway left and right with the music.

We were all left in some form of trans as the music stayed with us long after having left the cinema.

Jan Zwartkruis supplied the report and took some of the photos, a couple of photos were obtained from the internet. (The Editor)

Report on the Neerlandia 2022 AGM



The Neerlandia AGM took place on Sunday 18 September at 2pm at the Morley Windmills Soccer Club in Embleton.

The Meeting was attended by 34 Members, which was above the required quorum.



Presidents report read at the 2022 AGM.

Dear Members,

Thank you for attending our 53rd AGM today.

Let me start with thanking those Neerlandia Members, who once again have helped to keep our Club running, from the Membership registration by Kay & Bob Wegman, to the magazine preparation by Pieter Leeftang and ofcourse his proofreaders (Henk and Lianna). I always look forward to receiving the latest magazine, what a great

effort.

The entertainment provided by John and Machiel will be assisted by our newest Committee Members. I will reveal more later on. (I can feel the excitement building)

Please a round of applause, as without them, the club just wouldn't work.

Looking back on the year that was, I am very grateful that our Members and the wider community have not been exposed to COVID-19 to the same degree as in other part of the world or other states.

On Finances:

During the year it has become apparent to the Committee that we need to ensure the Club's survival and to ensure the Dutch culture is not lost. We are currently, as we all know, thanks to Henri Koldenhoven, still bearing the fruits of the sale of our Clubhouse.

As mentioned in last year's Presidents report, we have been able this year to execute an alternative income stream to ensure our financial stability and long-term survival. We have over the past few months invested in a share portfolio which is based on Companies, which have a long-term financial stability & proven dividend track record.

During the last 12 months we have been monitoring the list of companies on a monthly basis and once the Committee could see the potential result, had we invested Sept – Oct 2021 and compared this to other start times and our current poor returns, we decided to move forward. To this date we have still not fully executed (or bought) the full list of shares in the selected companies. We are waiting for the share prices to fall to our preferred levels before we add them to our portfolio. This work has all been carried out with the expert

Report on the Neerlandia 2022 AGM



The 2022-23 Neerlandia Committee. I.t.r.: Machiel van der Stelt, Vice President; Henry Koldenhoven, Treasurer; Eric van Waaijenburg, Secretary; John Zwartkruis, President; 6 Committee Members: Alida Reitzenstein, Babette van Dijk, Hanny Kamps, Toon Kamps. Absent: Committee Member: Karin Eastwood-Helder.

Below on right: Newly elected Committee Members: Helen Levy and Jeannette Kuiper.

advice from John Zwartkruis. Thanks John, this will make a difference for us in the future for sure.

On the Morley Windmills:

We have had numerous questions asking what is happening in relation to the Morley Windmills move. We are currently still in discussions, please bear with us as we need to make sure that our Sub-Clubs will be able to function properly.

On Memberships:

Here are some interesting statistics for our membership numbers between 2019 and this year's status:

In 2019 we had 328 Members; and in 2022 we had 285 Members

We are currently contacting 33 Members, from whom we have not heard back.

I am very happy to report that the family Memberships have been on the rise for the second year.

It has become very encouraging to see the new members joining us. John and Machiel are continuously working to improve and cater for all Members.

Ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

His Resignation:

It is with a heavy hart that I will have to step down from the Presidentship of Neerlandia.

I have worked with great pleasure and dedication to build, grow and future proof Neerlandia.

I want to express my gratitude to John Zwartkruis, who has stepped up to take on the role of President.

I would like to thank my Committee Members and their partners for their ongoing and continuing support. Without them nothing would have happened.

That's it from me. All the best.

Eric van Waaijenburg.

Our Hon. Patron:

Anthony Willinge, the Honoray Consul for the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Patron of Neerlandia, in his speech, thanked the outgoing President Eric van Waaijenburg for the time and dedication he has put in during the 6 years that he was our President.

The meeting was closed at 3pm and those Members that had not utilized their free drink vouchers, made the most of the opportunity to do so.

Pieter Leeftang,





NEERLANDIA BINGO.

Doors open at 10am. Eyes down at 11am.

Coffee and tea and biscuits are provided: - self serve.

Lunch: - A bowl of soup and a bun will cost you \$7:50

Next games are on: 12 & 26 October.



Bingo Bulletin.



On 17/08/22 there were 22 players.

There was a small increase in numbers on 17/08/2022, the weather was once again unkind and as a result only 1 player played for free and that was **Nelia Pumphrey**, well done **Nelia**.

The Cadbury Favorite Chocolates went to **Michelle Groos**, well done **Michelle**. We welcomed Ria Nissin and Helen Dans on their return to Bingo and **Helen Dans** won the Neerlandia sponsored Ferrero Chocolates, a very lucky return indeed. The \$25.00 bonus game went to **Thea Bloks**, well done Thea. Ironically she won in 53 balls, which was the required number of balls for the jackpot!!

Sadly it was the wrong game. But in

compensation **Thea Bloks** picked up the Full House game (8) in 62 balls with ball number 62 and that doesn't happen very often, well done **Thea**. The jackpot failed to go off within the required 53 balls and it will increase for the next Bingo games. We all had a lot of laughs with all the friendly banter, and we all look forward to the numbers growing in the future, which will insure that there are more players playing for free and the prizes for a full house will increase as well.



On 31/08/2022 we had 34 players.

We welcomed back several of our usual players and it was very pleasing for all present. All up we had 34 players on the 31/08/2022 and that amounted to having 2 people playing for free, and at the same time the full house prize was considerably higher.

Nelia Pumphrey and Babette van Dijk both played for free a nice surprise for both.

Thea Bloks won the Cadbury Favorite

Chocolates and the Neerlandia sponsored Ferrero Chocolates went to **Nelly Liebrechts** who made a welcomed return on the day.

The bonus \$25:00 prize went to **Thea Bloks** for the second week in a row. We had one full house where we had to share the prize among 3 players. Again the jackpot did not go off within the required 54 balls and will increase for the next game. We had a situation where a few balls dropped onto the floor and went rolling but all were found and went back in the barrel, caused a joke or two. Once again we had a lot of laughs and friendly banter all round, it's pleasing to see so many people having fun and the higher number means higher prize money.

Hosts **John Zwartkruis and Lou James**. Enquiries: - 0434 920 252 and 0427 018 777

**The Dutch Singers and Neerlandia invites
all members to join in for a fun
“Singalong” afternoon.**



Morley Windmills Wotton Reserve Embleton

Saturday 15 October 2022 starting at 12:30PM.

**A sandwich lunch will be served and
Dutch snacks during the afternoon.**

**Come along and sing those Dutch songs
you learnt at school.**

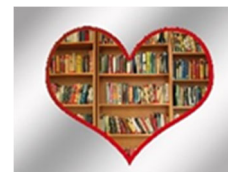
Tickets required to allow for catering.

Members \$10.00 Non-Members \$20.00.

**Tickets through John Zwartkruis at
terjohnz@gmail.com or 0434 920 252.**



De BoekHoek.



De laatste twee jaar is het bijna onmogelijk geweest om de Neerlandia “Mies” bibliotheek draaiend te houden.

Maar nu wordt de bibliotheek in ere hersteld. Openingstijden zijn dezelfde als die van de Rhein Donau Club: <http://www.rheindonaclub.iinet.net.au/>

Zo wat nu? Neerlandia leden die graag Nederlands-talige boeken lezen, hebben toegang tot de bibliotheek en kunnen lenen wanneer zij dat willen. Het is een kwestie van op de lijst in de bibliotheek je naam, titel van het boek en je telefoon nummer te schrijven.

Omdat we in een tijd van “social media” leven, zijn er ook boeken te lenen/lezen via links; je hebt ook toegang tot luisterboeken. Als je hier informatie over wilt hebben, neem dan even contact op met Machiel (mvdstelt@gmail.com), de bibliothecaris van de Neerlandia “Mies” Bibliotheek.

We krijgen vaak vriendelijke verzoeken van mensen die boeken willen doneren.

In de huidige situatie is de ruimte beperkt voor extra boeken in de bibliotheek. Wij bevelen aan om de boeken aan een van de Op-Shops van de Save the Children Charity te doneren:

<https://www.savethechildren.org.au/our-stories/we-want-your-pre-loved-items>

We maken echter één uitzondering en accepteren wel goede boeken in goede staat voor kinderen en de jeugd; ook moderne (opgenomen in het Canon van Nederland) romans in goede staat zijn welkom.

Wij streven er naar om in elke aflevering van het Neerlandia Tijdschrift een review van een Nederlands talig boek te publiceren. Vorige maanden bespraken we Eline Vere, Wij slaven van Suriname, het jeugdboek voor alle leeftijden Kruistocht in Spijkerbroek. Tegenlicht werd besproken en ook de klassieker Het wassende water.

Heb jij onlangs een Nederlandstalig boek gelezen dat je met ons delen wilt? Laat het weten en wij publiceren jouw recentie.

Boekbespreking:



Fleur en Avril 2 Far – Een vriendschap zonder grenzen geschreven door Pluisebol en Sabarinde

Een boek over een emigratie van Nederland naar Australië. Alhoewel dit een jeugdboek vanaf 10 jaar is, leest het boek prettig voor alle leeftijden. De emoties van iedereen die bij een emigratie betrokken is: de vertrekkende partij maar ook de achterblijvende.

In dit boek vertrekt 10 jarige Avril met haar ouders naar Australië, hierbij haar 10 jarige hartsvriendin Fleur achterlatend. Het boek vertelt over de beleving van beide meisjes in hun nieuwe situatie: Fleur in Nederland zonder Avril; Avril in een nieuw land met een nieuwe taal - een heel nieuw leven en zonder Fleur.

Wanneer Fleur voelt en begrijpt hoeveel heimwee Avril heeft in haar nieuwe land, besluit zij naar Avril toe te gaan....

Wat dit boek wellicht aantrekkelijk maakt voor velen, is de beschrijving van de emoties van de twee meisjes maar ook de reacties van hun ouders op de veranderingen die de twee vriendinnen ondergaan. Het boek is heerlijk en makkelijk te lezen; een boek waarvan zowel de geëmigreerde- als de thuisblijvende partij zuchten van herkenning zullen slaan.

Het boek ademt gezelligheid, liefde, vriendschap, avontuur en ondanks alle verandering: stabiliteit.

Een heerlijk boek dat door de jeugd en ook door de ouders met plezier gelezen zal worden.

Achtergrond informatie van het internet:

Wilhelmina de Vries en Petronella Bult schreven dit verhaal onder de respectievelijke pseudoniemen Pluisebol en Sabarinde tijdens een schrijfmarathon op een besloten forum. De omstandigheden waren bijzonder. Petronella schreef haar deel overdag in Australië, met een bloedhete temperatuur en met haar voeten in een bak koud water. Wilhelmina schreef in Nederland op datzelfde tijdstip, midden in de nacht haar aandeel, bij een buitentemperatuur van min 10 graden Celsius en met haar voeten op een warmwaterkruik.

Source: www.uitgeverijeigenzinnig.nl

Machiel van der Stelt & Lianna Parker.



Maas & Waal Borrel at the Windmills

Maas & Waal fun with real Dutch Snacks to follow.

"Our August Maas & Waal evening at Morley Windmills Club saw the welcome return of our traditional Dutch snacks, Broodje Krokot, Frikandel Speciaal, Bitterballen, Patat friet & mayo as well as 'Snert' a traditional Dutch pea soup made by John Zwartkruis.

This was all made possible by the wonderful kitchen helpers on the night, Babette van Dijk, her grandson Matthew and friend Luzia.

It was great to see so many of our Juniors Club members attend and enjoy the organised dance routines, as well as games and kicking the soccer ball outside on the field.

Machiel, John and Karin entertained us all by dancing the Greek Zorba. Many of the students from the Dutch language classes stayed to grab a bite to eat and also stayed for a chat. It was a fun night out and we look forward to the next Maas & Waal at RDC and hope to see you there.

Helen Levy.



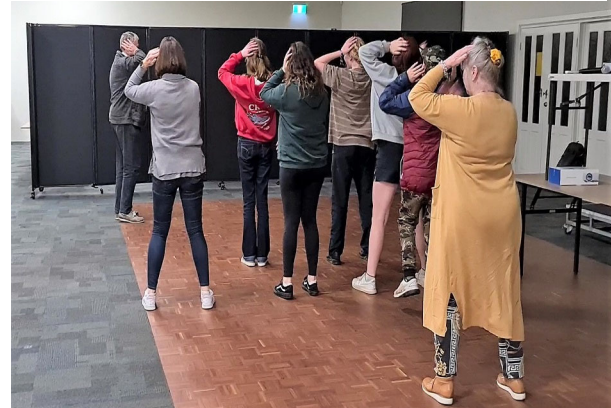
Follow me "Hands on your bottom I said.



Let's get our act together.



Time for a game or two.



Finally I can see some cohesion.



Babette with the help of family Members made sure the most delicious snacks were served.



Upcoming Christmas Lunch—27 November



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Neerlandia members and their guests are
cordially invited to join us for our Christmas
Lunch.

SUNDAY 27 November 2022,
In the Edelweiss Hall
At the Rhein Donau Club Inc,
110 North Lake Road, Myaree
Lunch at 12:30 PM, doors open 11:30 AM

Members \$25.00 - Guests \$50.00

Includes one drink voucher

Free Kid's meal for kids aged 3 to 10 years old.

For tickets – Contact John Zwartkruis 0434 920 252 OR
terjohnz@gmail.com

Remember the various fun and enjoyable events from earlier this year?
This will be just as enjoyable.
Your Committee is looking forward to seeing everyone there.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH MENU

Entrée

Prawn Cocktail with Thousand Island Sauce
Alternating with
Vol Au Vent filled with Chicken Mornay

Mains

A Slice of Succulent Roast Turkey &
A Slice of Succulent Glazed Ham
with cranberry sauce, potato gratin,
Seasonal Vegetables & Home made Gravy

Dessert

Apple Strudel with Custard
and Coffee or Tea

In Memoriam & Cape Leeuwen Festival

In Memory Of Harry Crijns, who passed away on the 21st of September 2022.

Harry was born in Limburg and came to Australia with his parents. Later on he spent quite some years in the WA Police Force. Being a Limburger, he and Henny were deeply involved in setting up and running the Sandgroper's Carnaval Club with the late Bert Creemers, which became a Sub-Club of Neerlandia.

Besides the Carnaval Club he also joined Neerlandia and ANSWA.

But Harry was a leader, not a follower, so it was not long before he became a Neerlandia Committee Member. He was Secretary from 1990 until 1992 and once again from 1989-1999.

And from 2001 until 2005 he was elected Neerlandia's President.

Harry was a genius as he could turn his hand to do or make anything he wanted to do or achieve. If he had any faults that was: "It my way or the Highway."

In 1995, I rejoined the Neerlandia Committee as Vice-President and got to know Harry quite well, we worked very well together and the weekly Friday maintenance sessions in Cambridge street will never be forgotten. I knew that I could learn a lot from him. For instance, he was very good with computers and designed and set up our Membership database in Excel as well as the software for the Neerlandia Magazine in Publisher, which we are still using today!

We were both Members of the Sandgroppers and enjoyed several trips to the East Coast to celebrate Carnaval with the various Carnaval Clubs over there. Those memories of the fun we had will stay with us for ever.

For his tremendous input and contribution he deservedly received the Neerlandia Life Membership.

But Harry was also a Member of the Freemasons and he left the Neerlandia Committee in order to advance his position with them.

He will be missed, not only by his family but also by the many Members who knew him.

Harry, rest in peace.

**Pieter Leeftang,
Editor.**

400 year Cape Leeuwin Festival.



Watercolour of the Leeuwin ('Lioness'), 400 ton jacht, built in Amsterdam in 1621, painted by Ross Shardlow 2015.
Private collection

On Saturday the 29th & Sunday the 30th of October there will be a 400 year Cape Leeuwin festival in Augusta starting at 11am.

There will be an exhibition about the 400 years history of the Cape Leeuwin with artworks and maps.

That exhibition is curated by DAF curator Elly Spillekom with the contributions of Nonja Peters and Ross Shardlow (from the Maritime History Association) and will be running the whole month of October in the Augusta-Leeuwin Lighthouse Quarters.

On Sunday the 30th there will be lectures by:

- # Martijn Manders
- # Nonja Peters
- # Jeremy Green

There will be other festivities made possible by the Dutch Embassy, the Dutch Ambassador of Australia: Marion Derckx and our Honorary Consul, Anthony Willinge, will be attending as well.

**Elly Spillekom, curator of DAF
(Dutch Australian Foundation.)**

The Seniors' Club.

The Seniors' Club.

The number of attendees has increased again to their normal level, mainly due to the weather improving. The usual games continue to be enjoyed by all. We were graced by a new visitor who has come all the way from New Zealand to stay with her son in Perth. She was made to feel very welcome, and she enjoyed playing Klaverjas.

Our raffle continues to draw out repeat winners so that many a Member has been going home with two prizes in their possession. Some have even had their numbers drawn out more than twice, but as we have imposed a limit of two prizes, the other numbers drawn did not count. If it were only the numbers needed for the LOTTO Draw, they would have had a substantial win.

Our experiment with an expanded and varied lunch menu continued. The Fusilli pasta with Chicken, Bacon & Spinach was enjoyed by all with a second helpings being served to those who wanted them. It sure was a filling meal. Then a fortnight later, the Satay Chicken with Vegetable Rice was once again a meal to savour. All in all, our members enjoy the variety of meals served and know that their last meal will not be back on the menu for several months and a new taste awaits them the next time they attend.

We are always ready to welcome new members into our Seniors' Club. If you like to play some games with other likeminded people who share a common cultural heritage, why not contact John Zwartkruis on 0434 920 252 or by email at terjohnz@gmail.com for further details. We look forward to making your acquaintance and welcoming you as part of our Neerlandia Seniors' Club.

John Zwartkruis.



Car Rally—Saturday 5 November



Auto Puzzel Tocht - Car Rally 2022

We invite all Neerlandia members, friends and family, young and old to our 2022 Auto Puzzel Tocht - Car Rally

Spend an afternoon with us going on a car adventure solving clues with family and friends and seeing some great sights of Perth

You may like to make a team by sharing your car with fellow members or family and friends. It would be handy if you prearrange this but you are welcome to make up a team on the day.



Where : Meet at the RDC carpark 110 North Lake Rd for your team registration pack. There will be a communal picnic at the final location of your Puzzel Tocht

When: **Saturday 5th November 2022**
Registration & collect starter pack from 11:30am
Rally starts Midday with a picnic to follow

Your team will need:

1. A car
2. In every vehicle participating you will need one mobile phone with access to Google maps and a camera function (or a digital camera and a sat navigation device)
3. Please bring a share plate of sweet or savoury for the communal picnic and your picnic chair or rug

You will be provided with
Instructions and clues, a pen, a bottle of water and at the conclusion a complimentary beverage at the picnic

There will be a **PRIZE** for the team who completes all challenges and has obtained the most points, as well as some **RUNNER UP PRIZES**

Expressions of interest for attending this event can be done by completing the registration page on our website www.dutchclubwa.com on Facebook Neerlandia Dutch Club WA or by emailing mvdstelt@gmail.com **by Friday 28th of October**

Please indicate how many participants per vehicle and confirm your team will have access to a mobile phone, camera and navigation

We look forward to seeing you for a fun afternoon on the 5th of November!



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ALL KLAVERJAS PLAYERS.

Due to popular demand and the gradual demise of Covid, we have decided to recommence the popular Sunday Klaverjas Drives.

There will be two Drives this year, the first one on Sunday the 6th of November and the next one on Sunday the 4th of December.

If the demand is as expected, the Sunday Drives will be continued after the holiday break on the 5th of February 2023.

Bocce Ball set available

Silent Auction.

Proceeds go to CURA.

Bids to be sent to

John Zwartkruis at

terjohnz@gmail.com

Bids close at Leidens Ontzet

24 Sept 2022.



NEERLANDIA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS.

**Johanna Shepherd
Sylvia Pickles**

Sunday Klaverjas Drives.

The Sunday Klaverjas Drives will start up again with the first two tournaments of the year in November and December.

They will be held in the RDC.

The Karl's Bar will be open at 10 am, time to enjoy Coffee & a treat, before the games start at 10.30.

The renovated Karl's Bar is now a cosy place.

There will be prizes for the 3 highest scores.

Two cups of Coffee and a tasty lunch are included in the admission price.

Costs:

Neerlandia Members:	\$12.00
Guests, non-Members	\$15.00
Non-playing attendees	\$10.00

Leiden's Ontzet & Members Birthdays

Leiden's Ontzet 2022.

This is just a summary of what took place and a more detailed account will be published in the magazine for November 2022.

A small but happy crowd celebrated Leiden's Ontzet this year on Saturday 24th September at the Rhein Donau Club.

The Dutch Singers sang 5 patriotic songs, and at the end, we all stood and sang our National Anthem.

The traditional Hutspot was served and enjoyed by all. Seven people came dressed in period costume. When the mother of the baby said she was still looking for the father of her baby, the audience erupted in a raucous of laughter.

This year's event was a roaring success. It is a pity not more people attended. They missed out on another cracker of an event.

Please, do not miss out on the next big event on Saturday 15 October for a Singalong afternoon. It will be another unforgettable afternoon. Refer to the Ad in this magazine on page 7.

John Zwartkruis.



The following Members will celebrate their Birthday during the month of October 2022.

We wish them all a very Happy Birthday.

Gerard
Gerard
Gerry
Rita

Rod
Geofrey
Bruni
Bram
Anna
Ellen
Janneke
Marloes
Freda
Bettina
Rudolf
Vicky
Theo
Margaret
Ian
Melissa
Emma
Mieke
Arnold
Clarissa

Boersma
Poot
Creemers
Spence-
Bavich
Levy
Halstead
Prince
Dijkstra
Kocsis
Broerse
Gerritsen
Blonk
Hovingh
Tonkin
Plate
Spaans
Wieman
Baltes
Hyde
Sack
Boekhout
Creemers
de Smalen
Sack

If your birthday is not mentioned or you would like to change the details, that can be arranged. To make any changes you need to send an E-mail to the editor:

pieter.leeflang@bigpond.com

The expensive Vet.



A woman goes to the veterinarian with her pig that appears to be sleeping. The woman waits as the vet inspects the pig. Then the vet comes out and tells the woman: "I'm sorry... But your pig is dead."

The woman, shocked, yells at the vet, "Are you serious?! Did you run tests? He could just be in a coma or something."

The vet sighs and heads back to the office with the woman. The vet leaves the room and returns with a Labrador. The dog approaches the pig and slowly sniffs him from head to toe. He looks up at the woman with sad eyes and walks out.

The woman said: "I am still not convinced." The vet leaves and returns with a cat. The cat approaches the pig and stares at him for a solid 5 minutes. It then meows loudly and slowly exits the room.

The vet tells the woman: "See, your pig has definitely passed on."

The vet walks to the register and hands the woman a bill for \$300.

The woman is again outraged: "\$300 just so you could tell me my little piggy died?"

The vet replies: "It was only \$40 until you made me get a Lab Report and a CAT Scan."

This workout (smells) funny.

David wasn't much for the gym, but after celebrating his 70th, he thought that it might be a good idea to get in shape and finally shed a few pounds.

He bought a gym membership, bought some gym clothes, and a fancy new water bottle that infused the water.

On the first day of his Membership, he walked into the gym with confidence and immediately turned around and walked out. It looked like the bodybuilding convention was in, and that was way too intimidating for David.

The second day he walked into the gym and turned around and walked out. It looked like a supermodel convention was in, and David



was way too self-conscious for that.

That night his wife told him that it was all in his head and that he had already wasted two days of his membership, and to get in there and do his stuff. The next day, David was fired up. He walked into the gym like he owned it. He started to grab things and lift them, he would try and do pull-ups and even found this amazing contraption that seemed to work everything. David was getting his heart rate sky high, and he even thought he was getting that "workout high" that he had heard about. Suddenly a man in a workman's uniform tapped David on the shoulder.

"You look like you are really getting a sweat up," said the workman.

"I am. This machine is great," David said.

"It sure is, but I need to paint the ceiling so I'm going to have to ask you to get out of my scaffolding," smiled the workman.

May a bit of Humour light up your Day

Motherly advice.



One week before her daughter's wedding, a mother pulls aside the bride-to-be.

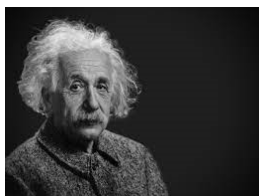
She says: "I will now give you the advice that has been passed down from generation to generation, from woman to woman."

The daughter listened attentively, curious as to what the advice would be.

The mom continued: "Cook a man a fish and you feed him for a day. But teach a man to fish, and you get rid of him for the whole weekend."

Nice one, Einstein.

One day, Einstein had to speak at an important science conference. On the way there, he tells his driver who looks a bit like him:



"I'm sick of all these conferences. I always say the same things over and over!"

The driver agrees: "You're right. As your driver, I attended all of them, and even though I don't know anything about science, I could read your lecture in your place."

"That's a great idea!" says Einstein. "Let's switch places then!"

So they switch clothes and as soon as they arrive, the driver dressed as Einstein goes on stage and starts giving the usual speech, while the real Einstein, dressed as the car driver, attends it.

But in the crowd, there is one scientist who wants to impress everyone and thinks of a very difficult question to ask Einstein,

hoping he won't be able to respond. So this guy stands up and interrupts the conference by asking his very difficult question. The whole room goes silent, holding their breath, waiting for the response.

The driver looks at him, dead in the eye, and says: "Sir, your question is so easy to answer that I'm going to let my driver reply to it for me."

Forgetter—Be Forgotten.



*My Forgetter is getting better,
but my Rememberer is broke.
To you that may seem funny.
But, to me, that is no joke.*

*For when I'm 'here', I'm wondering
if I really should be.... 'there'.
And, when I try to think it through,
I haven't got a prayer!*

*Oft times I walk into a room
and say: 'what am I here for?'
I wreck my brain, but all in vain!
A zero, is my score.*

*At times I put something away
where it is safe, but, Gee!
The person it is safest from,
is generally me!*

*When shopping I may see someone,
say: 'Hi' and have a chat.
Then, when the person walks away,
I ask myself: 'Who the hell was that?'*

*Yes, my Forgetter's getting better ,
while my Rememberer is broke.
And it's driving me plumb crazy
and that isn't any joke.*

Tulips and Clogdancers in Holland, Michigan USA

The City of Holland in Michigan, USA.

Holland is a City situated on Lake Macatawa, adjoining the Eastern shore of Lake Michigan. The Lake is fed by the Macatawa River. (formerly known locally as the Black River)

History:

Holland was settled in 1847 by Dutch settlers, who had fled their homeland to get away from political persecution and in search of good farming land and religious freedom.



Statue of Albertus van Raalte.

Under the leadership of Dr. Albertus van Raalte, an initial group of 60 people made the journey from Rotterdam, settling in Michigan. They worked hard to make the new Town a success, clearing dense forests to build houses and buildings; they dug a **channel** by hand from Lake Macatawa to Lake Michigan. This led to many more of their countrymen joining them. They established a school, which still exists today as Holland College, as well as railroads. Despite a disastrous fire in 1871, that obliterated the whole City, it continued to flourish. By the early 20th century, Holland also began to prosper as a tourist

destination, with the beautiful sandy beaches attracting people from all over. Many resorts were built to capitalize on the surge of visitors, and in 1929, Holland's most famous festival was introduced: The Tulip Festival!

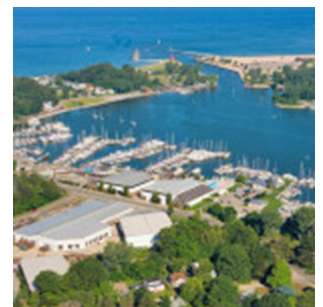
The Tulip Festival:

This festival is held every year in May. It evolved from a Community project to plant tulips to represent its Dutch roots. **In 1928, 100,000 tulips were imported from the Netherlands and planted across the City.** The next year, visitors and locals alike were invited to celebrate the blooming tulips in May and the festival was born.

These days more than **5 million tulips burst into bloom each spring** in the greater Holland area—and that doesn't count the City's Hyacinths, Daffodils and blossoming fruit trees. Drive along the Tulip Lanes, 6 miles of City streets bordered with tulips in every shade of the rainbow. Visit any of the City's Parks or Gardens to see Holland's favorite flower. Also check out Veldheer's Tulip Gardens, a working flower farm, to enjoy their displays of 5 million tulips and to purchase bulbs. Clogdancers took part in the early days of the festivals but this activity became very popular and they now have literally hundreds of participants, young and old. The Festival has been named the U.S.'s best small-town



The first building made by the settlers.



They dug a channel by hand to reach Lake Michigan.



Lots of onlookers at the festival. Old Dutch habit, street scrubbing.

Nelis' Dutch Village.

Tulips and Clogdancers in Holland, Michigan USA



Hundreds of Clog Dancers have taken up this hobby, so they can dance at the annual Tulip Festival. festival as well as the best flower festival and has attracted up to one million visitors a year.



Nelis' Dutch Village:

With tourism booming, other attractions were conceived. The Nelis family had moved from Holland in 1911, and in the 1950s, they purchased some land to create Nelis' Dutch Village, an authentic 19th-century village with period architecture, canals, and gardens, as well as costumed dancers and music.

An original Dutch Working Windmill:

The Dutch village was followed by ambitious plans to import an original Windmill from the Netherlands. The "De Zwaan" Windmill dates all the way back to 1761, and it became the last Windmill allowed to leave the Netherlands. It arrived in Michigan in 1964 and being formally dedicated the following year at its new home on Windmill Island. It is the oldest, authentic, working Dutch Windmill in the U.S.



**Windmill De Zwaan
amongst the Tulips.**

The Holland Museum:

The Holland Museum was also opened to preserve the City's story alongside displays of Dutch Art and Crafts. They also have a great display of Dutch goods brought along with the original settlers in the 18th century.



Other Dutch attractions:

Over the subsequent half-century, Holland's Dutch-themed attractions have delighted millions of visitors and won many national awards. They flock here to see the Tulips, Klompdancers, eat Dutch Food and buy Dutch delicacies.

Compiled from the Internet by Pieter Leeftang.



Veltheer's Tulip Farm.



Klompes.



Tulips growing on the street verges.

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Results of last month's Bonus TOP CODEWORD.

This puzzle was not a pushover at all and difficult to find the first word. But once the words: **Applause, Sleeve and Caveman** were found, the rest became much easier.

The letter codes for last month's Top Codebreaker were as follows:

A=6; B=24; C=11; D=1; E=5; F=14;
G=25 H=9; I=16; J=15; K=12; L=7;
M=20; N=22; O=17; P=3; Q=21;
R=18; S=10; T=23; U=4; V=13;
W=2; X=26; Y=19; Z=8.

Results of last month's Bonus BOTTOM CODEWORD.

This puzzle was another challenging one.

Once the words: **immobile, Ibex and Example** were found, you were on your way.

The letter codes for last month's bottom Codebreaker were as follows:

A=17; B=4; C=14; D=22; E=15;
F=24; G=25; H=26; I=18; J=6; K=9;
L=23; M=12; N=20; O=16; P=2;
Q=8; R=7; S=19; T=21; U=10; V=5;
W=1; X=11; Y=13; Z=3.

Two Bonus Code-Word Puzzles

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Code-Word and Sudoku Puzzles Page

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Sudoku Puzzles

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers 1-9 in the each row and column; each 3x3 box must also contain a complete set of numbers 1-9.

Sudoku 977 Easy Puzzle

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Sudoku 977 Moderate Puzzle

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To find the first three word of last month's Codebreaker was pretty straightforward.

*The first 3 words I found were **Daffodil, Gigolo and Embargo** and once those 3 words were found, it was plain sailing.*

The letter codes for last month's Codebreaker were as follows:

A=11; B=23; C=6; D=16; E=21; F=3; G=15; H=24; I=2; J=14; K=1; L=22; M=25; N=4; O=7; P=12; Q=26; R=9; S=8; T=13; U=18; V=17; W=10; X=20; Y=5; Z=19.

Last month's Sudoku Easy 976 solution.

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Last month's Sudoku Medium 976 solution.

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